

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Natwar M. Gandhi
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: April 8, 2002

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement (Revised): "Office of Employee Appeals Attorney Fees Clarification Amendment Act of 2002"

REFERENCE: Bill Number 14-029 from the Engrossed Original

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the District's FY 2002 budget and the proposed FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation will result in a \$32,000 payment to one individual.

Background

The proposed legislation authorizes the Office of Employee Appeals (OEA) to require payment by the affected agency of reasonable attorney fees, to be applied retroactively, in cases for which attorney fees were not awarded. The proposed legislation covers the period of September 15, 1988 through May 15, 1990. The bill will apply only to those persons who prevailed in applying to the OEA. The litigating agency was the District Lottery Board and they will be obligated to make payment. In addition, the proposed legislation will expire one year after its effective date.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 budget and the proposed FY 2003 through FY 2006 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. Currently it is understood that only one person will be qualified to receive reimbursement of reasonable attorney fees under the provisions of the proposed legislation. The

invoiced amount is \$32, 009.76. Funds are sufficient in the agency budget and financial plan to make the required payment to the plaintiff.

Net Impact to the Financial Plan FY 2002 through FY 2005 (\$ in 000s)					
Item	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	TOTAL
Net Annual Impact	\$32	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32